

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On line 30, on page 2, add the following paragraph:

- Fig. 9 is a top plan view of a portion of the thermoplastic sheet and associated U-shaped frame that is shown in Fig. 1.- -

Replace the second paragraph on page 3 beginning on line 9, with the following paragraph:

- - The mask 14 is formed from one of the thermoplastic sheets 20A-20D shown in figures 2-5, respectively. Each sheet 20 includes spaced apart groups of perforations or holes 22 extending through, or partially through, the sheets 20A-20D. The spacing between the groups of the holes define solid bands 24 which increase the rigidity of the sheets 20A-20D, and thus the mask 14. The holes 22 minimize shrinkage of the sheets during the mask formation process. Each of the sheets 20A-D has a non-perforated perimeter edge 26 for securement of the sheet to the U-shaped frame 16 (Figs. 1 and 9). Alternatively, the groups of holes 22 may extend to the edge of the sheet 20A-D, which facilitates bonding of the sheet 20A-D to the frame 16, for example using adhesives or heat. The non-perforated bands 24 extend inwardly from the perimeter edge 26 of the sheets 20A-D. Some bands 24 may extend completely across the sheets 20A-D ~~20a-d~~ while other bands 24 extend partially across the sheets. Also, the bands 24 may extend perpendicularly to the opposite side edges, top edge, or bottom edge, or angularly thereto in a non-perpendicular orientation. As seen in Figure 5, some of the bands may criss-cross the sheet 20D. The holes 22 may be formed by punching or during an injection process used to make the sheets 20A-D.- -